



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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For: IMPELLER FOR ROTARY SLICING MACHINE

**AMENDMENT**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is responsive to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003 in the above application finally rejecting claims 1, 5 and 6. A petition for a one-month extension of time and a Request for Continued Examination with the appropriate fees accompany this amendment. In view of the Request for Continued Examination, the finality of the previous rejection of claims 1, 5 and 6 has effectively been removed.

Please amend the application in accordance with the following particulars.

**In the Claims**

Claim 1 is presented as being currently amended and new claim 7 is presented in the "List of Current Claims."